

Remarks

Claims 1-8 and 10-18 are pending in this case. No amendments to the claims have been made at this time. The Examiner rejected claims 1-8 and 10-18 under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Young et al (US4,212,897).

In the previous office action, Applicants amended Claims 1 and 13 to include the limitation described in canceled Claim 9 where the amount of Component C in the composition is equal to or greater than the amount of Component B. Applicants believe that this amendment should also overcome the Examiner's rejections of any of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) based on Young et al. Young provides that the weight ratio of component (b) (titanate) to component (a) (organopolysiloxane) can range from 10/90 to 95 /5, however all the examples provide that the organopolysiloxane(s) are present in equal or greater amounts than the titanate. A review of Tables 2 and 4 of the present specification illustrates that the present invention has improved stability when Component (C) is equal to or larger than Component (B). A person skilled in the art would not find Applicants's invention which requires the titanate be present in amounts GREATER than the organopolysiloxane of component (B) obvious over Young et al.

Applicants believe that this amendment should overcome the examiner's rejections of any of the claims under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a). Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner reconsider the above rejections and allow the amended claims to issue.

This reply is being submitted within the period for response to the outstanding office action. Although the applicants believe in good faith that no extensions of time are needed, the applicants hereby petition for any necessary extensions of time. You are authorized to charge deposit account 04-1520 for any fees necessary to maintain the pendency of this application. You are authorized to make any additional copies of this sheet needed to accomplish the purposes provided for herein and to charge any fee for such copies to deposit account 04-1520.

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